

Minutes of a Meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Wysall, Tuesday March 6, 2012, at 7.45pm

Couns. Charlotte James (Chairman)
Simon Stephens (Vice-chairman) Helen Lewin (A)
Mary Elston (A) Alison Avery
Carolyn Birch David Roberts (A)
Philip Harris (A)

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott.

1] **Apologies** were received from Couns. David Roberts, Mrs Helen Lewin, Mrs Mary Elston and Philip Harris.

2] **Declarations of Interest**

Coun. Mrs James declared an interest in the item concerning the diversion of footpath No. 5 and Coun. Simon Stephens on planning application 12/00213/FUL.

3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on February 7, 2012**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman after it was pointed out that Coun. Harris had declared an interest at that meeting in respect of planning applications 12/00064 and 12/00065 and had not take part in any of the discussions.

4] **Clerk's report** There was nothing to report.

5] **Correspondence**

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote to give information on how it had reached a planning decision on a site at The Oakland, on Costock Road, saying that approval for an unrestricted retail outlet on the site – which it had not given permission for – would have been contrary to its policy. If such a decision had been given it could have allowed any forms of goods to be sold including a convenience food store, furniture or clothes shop or a retail warehouse etc. The Borough Council also pointed out that the applicant had made the application on the grounds it would be agricultural sales and had been in agreement with the restrictions made by the Borough Council. The clerk was asked to write and ask how other parish farm shops were allowed to sell general food items.

A letter was received from Mr Graham Stockwell of Kent who wrote to criticise the condition of the Dr Gray memorial bench on Main Street. It was agreed to ask Mr John French of Old Post Office, Main Street, Wysall, to carry out any refurbishment work required.

Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme Event, to be held on Tuesday May 15, 2012, at the Newark Show Ground, was advertised. No one was available to attend. Sutton Bonington Parish Council wrote to seek support for pressure being put on Rushcliffe Borough Council in regard to the provision of gypsy traveller sites in the Borough. The clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council to say it was felt it should fulfill its obligations as soon as practical in order that matter was dealt within the correct manner. Nottinghamshire County Council advised of a proposed diversion of footpath No 5. Members did not oppose the diversion. (Coun. Mrs James declared an interest in the item and left the meeting during discussion on it)

Nottinghamshire County Council wrote in regard to a consultation it was carrying out on a proposed change of Governance Arrangements in that it was aiming to revert to a committee system and to abandon the present Cabinet system. The council felt the committee system was more favourable. Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of its Parish and Town Council Forum event on Monday March 26, in the Civic Centre.

Malcolm Finney responded to the parish council decision not to hold an on-street party for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and added he felt the proposals being made sounded good and he would be happy to assist in any preparations.

6] **Planning matters**

Planning Applications

12/00064/FUL Mrs Caroline Onions; Replacement dwelling and demolition of existing dwelling (revised documents); Town End House, Widmerpool Road, Wysall. No objections

12/00201/OHLUG Western Power; Replace approximately 1600m of 11kv overhead line supported on wooden poles; Overhead Powerline Running North South to East of Keyworth Road, Wysall. No objections

12/00213/FUL Mr Sam Stephens; Detached granny annexe and alterations to the gated entrance; Ridgewood, Widmerpool Road, Wysall. The plans were to be circulated. (Coun. Stephens declared an interest in the item and left the meeting during discussion on it)

12/00225/OHLUG Western Power; Replace approximately 1000m of 11kv overhead line supported on wooden poles; Overhead Powerline Running North South to East of Keyworth Road, Wysall. No objections

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

There were none.

The council agreed that in future the clerk should advise members by email of receipt of any planning applications for the village, advising them of the application number and the availability of information on the Borough Council website. The paper copy would be retained by the clerk for use if needed.

7] Village Hall

Coun. David Roberts provided a written village hall report in which he said there were no imminent fund raising or other events before the Diamond Jubilee. He had carried out a descaling operation on the kitchen water heater but there were still problems with it. It was suggested a new unit be purchased. Work had commenced on the refurbishment scheme upstairs at the hall.

He said the Village Hall Committee was seeking the immediate removal of the play equipment at the rear of the site because it felt it was possibly dangerous, being in considerable disrepair. The council felt it could not agree to that suggestion. Coun. Stephens would look to deal with the offensive graffiti and the chairman would produce a notice for displaying on the hall notice board saying new equipment was planned.

Coun. Mrs James reported that a funding application for the proposed new play equipment was currently being submitted.

The council was made aware of a hiring application for use of the hall for an event to raise money for cancer in July involving a band. There was no reason to express concerns but a reminder would be given that the event had to be completed by 12 midnight.

Coun. Mrs Avery said there was a need to purchase serving dishes for use in the hall kitchen.

8] Environment There was nothing raised.

9] Website The monthly report from the site showed there had been 2791 hits in February, the highest figure for six months.

10] Play Equipment update The scheme for the replacement equipment was proceeding.

11] Village Plan

Coun. Mrs James reported on her attendance at a NALC / CPRE seminar on planning and said the question of parish and neighbourhood plans had been discussed. She said it was obvious the emerging Rushcliffe Local Development Plan was something the parish council needed to keep a careful watch over. It was agreed it be raised as an agenda item from time to time.

The meeting felt it would be difficult to progress a neighbourhood plan for the village because of the necessary requirements that had to be met.

12] Finance Members authorised payment of accounts as per the schedule presented:

Chq No.		Net Total	VAT	TOTAL
1392	Mary Elston (Grant Towards Children's Christmas Party)	£94.00	£0.00	£94.00
1393	Burton Charity Account (Balance Towards Grant re Children's Christmas Party)	£20.98	£0.00	£20.98
1394	Elliott News Service (Office Administration February 2012)	£136.14	£0.00	£136.14
1395	M D Elliott (Clerk's Salary re Parish Council Meeting Held in March 2012)	£14.13	£0.00	£14.13
1396	PAYE (Tax re Clerk's Salary re Parish Council Meeting Held in March 2012)	£3.53	£0.00	£3.53
1397	Elliott News Service (Part Cost Annual Society of Local Council Clerks Subscription)	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
1398	M D Elliott (Postage, Phone, Photocopying etc February 2012; Office Use)	£50.11	£0.00	£50.11
1399	Elliott News Service (Office Administration March 2012)	£136.14	£0.00	£136.14
Total expenditure for meeting		£505.03	£0.00	£505.03
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year		£7,171.15	£484.99	£7,656.14

13] Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The chairman confirmed that the Windmill Folk had been booked for a Barn Dance to be held on Monday June 4. Coun. Mrs Avery reported that Mr Chris Noble was able to meet the requirements for a souvenir mug but others firms were also available.

14] Chairman's Matters

It was agreed the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Tuesday May 1 at 7pm, to be followed by a meeting of the parish council. Coun. Mrs James said she would not be seeking reelection as chairman for the coming year.

15] Agenda Items for Next meeting

The question of the Volunteer Awards scheme would be raised as an agenda item for the next meeting. The chairman gave apologies for the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm.